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## IMPROVINCET IN THE EXPLOITATION OF AUTOMOBILE TIRES

In many government agencies, both large and small, tires are not being fully exploited. For example, according to the data of the Main Administration for Exploitation of the Ministry of Automotive Transport REFER, during the 9 months Exploitation of the Ministry of Automotive Transport EMPER, during the ymonths of the preceding year in the automobile department of the Ul'yanorsk Autotrust, 25 percent of the registered scrap was not fully exploited. In the auto department of the Ealinin Autotrust such losses amounted to 34 percent; in the Gor'kiy Autotrust, 35 percent; and in the Irkitsk, 53 percent. At the same time, in other agencies the norms for the use of tires were significantly surpassed. Some of these were the Mosgorispolkom trucking transport where 34 x 7 tires with an average life of 30,000 kilometers averaged 36,100 kilometers, and the automobile department of the Pskov Autotrust where 88 percent of the scrapped tires had been exploited beyond the established norm.

Some automobile drivers have great success in the exploitation of tires In the Tula Trust, Morikov used 32 x 6 tires with an average life of 21,000 kilometers for 72,870 kilometers. There are others who are doing the same for trucks and buses. This definitely shows the great possibilities of expanding the use and extending the life of the tires.

Supervisors of all autosotive agencies should take all precautions to extend the life of times by being certain t.: (1) keeping the parking lots clean; (2) (ally inspection of air pressure in the tires; (3), inspection of the tires after the use of the car; (k) proper rotation to prevent wear in certain points. "Gigant" tires should be rotated every 3,500 kilometers while others should be speated every 5,000 kilometers; and (5) inspection of the automobile parts which affect the operation of the tires.

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Mcdel of Vehicle	Tire Size	No of Flies	Tire Press	ure (in atm)
Moskv1ch	4.50-16	4	2.00	2.30
Moskvich	5.00-16	~ <b>4</b> .	1.75	2.00
GAZ-M-1	7.00-16	4	1.50	2.00
GAZ-M-1_Pikap /Pickup/ Truck	7.00-16	6	1.75	2.25
GAZ-67-B	6.50-15	4-6	1.50	2.00
GAZ-67-3	7.00-16	4-6	1.50	1.75
GAZ-14-20 Pobeda	6.00-16	4	2.00	5.00
ZIS-101	7.50-17	6	2 <b>.2</b> 5	2.75
<b>ZIS-11</b> 0	7.50-16	6	2.25	2.50
GAZ-AA	6.50-20	6	2.50	3.25
GAZ-51	7.50-20	8	3.00	3.50
218-5, 218-6, 218-11	34 × 7	10	5.00	5 <b>.7</b> 5
zis-5, zis-8	^ <b>9.00-</b> 20	10	3.25	4.00
<b>ZI8-</b> 6	9.00-20	10	3.50	4.50
<b>218-1</b> 50	9.00-20	10	3.50	4.25
Ya-200	12.00-20	14	4.25	5.50
YaG-4, YaG-6	40 x 8	12	5.00	6.50

It was experimentally established that lowering the internal air pressure by 15 percent decreases the life by 20 percent, and a decrease of the normal tire pressure by 25 percent lowers the life by 40 percent.

Special tools and equipment should be designed to aid drivers and others in mounting and changing tires. Drivers should be sure to distribute loads evenly. Thus, for example, overloading tires by 10 percent decreases the life by 18 percent, and an overload of 20 percent decreases are life by 30 percent. These faces should not be everlooked by the drivers.

In automobile agencies, having more than 20 vehicles, vulcanizing shops should be established. At present, it is important to raise the requirements of the drivers as well as the training standards for mechanics and automotive engineers. Special visual training sids for drivers and technicians have been put out by the Ministry of the Motion Picture.

The Ministry of the Rubber Industry has the task of producing many automotive parts and accessories which can be obtained through the Clavresincebyt office. In 1948, tens of thousands of pressure gauges for light and heavy trucks will be sold. These are manufactured by the Ministries of Machine and Instrument Construction. A rapid solution of the cited problems will extend the like and use of tires and conserve the materials which are used in their production.

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